INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA") is pleased to announce SBA Loan Sale #5 ("Sale #5"). The Asset Sales Program was launched in 1999 to sell SBA loans in an open and competitive manner. To learn more about the Asset Sales Program and its mission, please visit the following SBA websites:

www.sba.gov/assets/current_sale/sale5.html www.sba.gov/assets/overview/index.html

PRELIMINARY SALE SCHEDULE 2001/2002

Bidder Information Package available: October 26 Due Diligence Facility opens: October 29 Due Diligence Facility closes: January 14 January 15 Bid Date: Bid Award Announcement: On or before January 17 Closings: January 22 - February 15 Servicing Transfer Date: By March 15 All dates are subject to change at the SBA's sole discretion.

PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

While the Sale #5 portfolio includes both secured and unsecured loans, this portfolio contains a larger proportion of small balance, unsecured loans than previous SBA sales. Many of these unsecured loans were originated in the SBA's Disaster Assistance Home Loan Program. Collateral for the secured loans includes business assets, residential or commercial real estate, machinery and equipment and personal property. Virtually all of the loans in Sale #5 were made with recourse to the borrower. A significant number of the loans are supported by personal, third party or corporate guaranties. All of the loans in Sale #5 will be sold servicing released. There is no SBA guaranty available to the purchasers of these loans.

PORTFOLIO AND SBA PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The Sale #5 portfolio includes performing, subperforming and non-performing loans originated under the following SBA Programs: (i) Disaster Assistance; (ii) 7(a) Loan Guaranty; (iii) 7(a) Direct Loan; and (iv) Certified Development Company (also referred to as Section 502, 503 and 504 Loans).

The Disaster Assistance Program is SBA's largest direct loan program. It serves both individuals and small businesses. Disaster assistance loans provide capital to homeowners, renters, businesses and non-profit organizations to rebuild and/or recover in the wake of physical disasters. Two types of disaster assistance loans are included in Sale #5: home and business. The home loans are available to homeowners and renters whose residential properties have sustained physical damage. Business loans are available to small businesses and nonprofit organizations, and are intended to assist victims of physical damage and/or economic injury. Economic injury disaster assistance loans provide working capital to small businesses until normal operations can resume after a physical disaster. Economic injury disaster assistance loans may be made to borrowers whose small businesses do not suffer physical damage. All of the Sale #5 Disaster Assistance Program loans will be at least two years old as of the Bid Date.

Under the 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program, SBA-approved private sector lenders originate loans to small businesses for various business purposes, and the SBA guarantees a portion of the loans against losses from default. The SBA guaranty percentage on 7(a) Guaranty loans in the Sale generally ranged from 75 percent to 80 percent, depending on the loan amount. The maximum guaranty amount was \$750,000. For all of the 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program loans included in Sale #5, the SBA has paid the originating lender the guaranty percentage and therefore no further SBA guaranty is available to the purchasers of these loans. The 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program loans in Sale #5 are currently serviced by the SBA or by the participating lender.

Under the 7(a) Direct Loan Program, the SBA originated loans directly to small business until 1995. These loans typically have smaller balances than the 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program loans, generally less than \$150,000. All of these loans are serviced by the SBA.

The Certified Development Company Program provides, in conjunction with a private sector loan, long-term, fixed-rate financing to facilitate acquisition of major fixed assets such as real estate and equipment. A typical development company is a non-profit corporation created to assist the economic development of its community by originating these loans and engaging in other development activities. Generally, a project is

financed as follows: 50 percent of the asset cost is provided by private sector lender financing in a first lien position, 40 percent by an additional loan in a second lien position funded by an SBA-guaranteed debenture (the Development Company loan), and 10 percent equity is contributed by the small business borrower. The SBA has two inactive Development Company Programs that have loans outstanding: the 502 and 503 Programs. The maximum SBA debenture for loans included in this Sale was \$1 million. The SBA has paid its guaranty of each debenture on all the Development Company loans included in Sale #5 and has converted the amount paid on each debenture into a note receivable, which is an obligation of the borrower. These loans are serviced by the SBA or by the lender.

To obtain additional information concerning the SBA Loan Programs described above, please visit the following SBA websites:

www.sba.gov/disaster/ www.sba.gov/financing/fr7aloan.html www.sba.gov/financing/frede504.html

BIDDING FEATURES

In an effort to attract all types of eligible bidders, the SBA will offer the loans in pools according to various combinations of the following possible criteria: performance status, collateral type, loan type, lien position, and geography. We anticipate that prospective bidders will have the flexibility to submit bids on loan pools and certain combinations of pools. Combinations may include blocks of pools and/or multiple loan pool bids. Also, there may be some pools for which only individual loan pool bids will be accepted. These pools will be evaluated and awarded individually. Details on the bidding process will be provided in the Bidder Information Package.

SALE #5 PORTFOLIO SUMMARY (as of August 13, 2001)

Numbers are approximate and subject to change

Aggregate Unpaid Principal Balance\$660,000,000Number of Loans30,600Average Loan Balance\$21,569Weighted Average Remaining Maturity (months)214Weighted Average Coupon4.41%

SBA Loan Program	Disaster Assis Home \$323,000,000 24,440 \$13,216 228 3.77%		\$262,000,000 \$262,000,000 \$,800 \$45,172 212 4.05%		7(a) Loans \$43,000,000 270 \$159,259 128 10.15%		Development Company Loans \$32,000,000 90 \$355,556 195 7.14%	
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Geographic Distribution (Percent of Unpaid Principal Balance)	CA: FL: GA: IL: AL: WA: Other:	33% 10% 5% 4% 4% 4% 4%	CA: FL: VI*: TX: GA: IA: Other:	41% 9% 8% 5% 3% 3% 31%	TX: CA: NY: PA: IN: SC: Other:	15% 8% 7% 5% 4% 4% 57%	UT: TX: NV: AL: NY: LA: Other:	12% 9% 8% 6% 5% 4% 56%
*Virgin Islands								

DUE DILIGENCE

Prospective bidders have a number of options for performing due diligence. All Bidder Information Packages will include Loan Information CD-ROMs. For a non-refundable assessment of \$1,000, prospective bidders will receive the Due Diligence CD-ROM and will also be able to access the Asset Review Files off-site electronically via high speed remote access, or by visiting the due diligence facility in Washington, DC from October 29, 2001 to January 14, 2002, or both. For prospective bidders interested in receiving only the Due Diligence CD-ROM and access to the Asset Review Files at the due diligence facility, the non-refundable assessment is \$500. Due to the expected high level of interest in Sale #5, it is suggested that prospective bidders make their due diligence reservations early. It may be necessary to limit the number of reviewers per prospective bidder and the time allotted for their review at the due diligence facility. The Sale #5 due diligence options and procedures will be further described in the Bidder Information Package.

BIDDER INFORMATION PACKAGE

On or about October 26, 2001, the Sale #5 Bidder Information Package will be available to qualified prospective bidders free of charge. The Bidder Information Package will contain detailed information concerning the bid process, Sale #5 terms and conditions, Loan Information CD-ROMs containing loan level data, due diligence reports and general information. To order a Bidder Information Package, prospective bidders must submit a completed Confidentiality Agreement and Bidder Qualification Statement. Both documents are available on the following website:

www.sba.gov/assets/current sale/sale5.html

or by calling the Sale #5 Investor Hotline at (877) 859-4225. The completed Confidentiality Agreement and Bidder Qualification Statement must be mailed to:

Hanover Capital Partners LTD. 100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 301 Edison, NJ 08817 Attention: SBA Sale #5

TEAMING ARRANGEMENTS

A number of prospective bidders have expressed the desire to team with capital resource providers, asset managers and/or loan servicers. To accommodate this interest in teaming, the KPMG Consulting Team will maintain and make available to interested persons a list of prospective bidders or contractors interested in teaming. To include your name on this list, please contact the KPMG Consulting Team, as directed below. The list will be distributed to all qualified prospective bidders.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information concerning Sale #5, please visit the SBA Asset Sale website at:

www.sba.gov/assets/current_sale/sale5.html

The website provides information about current and past SBA Sales, general information about the SBA, and answers to frequently asked questions. If you have any questions concerning Sale #5, please contact the KPMG Consulting Team:

POINTS OF CONTACT FOR SBA SALE #5

Toll Free Number: (877) 859-4225 Facsimile Number: (732) 572-5959 E-Mail Address: us-sba-sale5@kpmg.com

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This announcement is not an offer to sell or a solicitation for an offer to buy loans.



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Announces

SBA Loan Sale #5



Bid Date: January 15, 2002

Unpaid

Principal Balance: \$660 million (approximate) Number of Loans: 30,600 (approximate)

Transaction Financial Advisors





Due Diligence Contractor Deva & Associates, P.C.

Asset Sales Program Financial Advisor
Whitestone Capital Group, Inc.